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REMARKS

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Information

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1. An empty train of 30 to 40 flatcars and 15 boxcars had to be made available at the military loading ramp of the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station on 2, 3, 7, and 8 March 1955.

On 3 March, 12 to 15 T-34 tanks, 15 trucks and approximately 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, all coming from the Hindenburg Kaserne (4443), were entrained at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station. On 4 March, a similar shipment from the installation, with 15 T-34 tanks and 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was entrained. The two shipments were dispatched toward Berlin.¹

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2. During 4 and 6 March, the following shipments were observed at the Templin railroad station.

4 March. At 1530, loading of 5 T-34/85 tanks, 2 JS-3 tanks and 10 trucks with soldiers and 1 radio truck.²

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5 March. At 0615, loading toward Eberswalde of 9 x 122-mm field howitzers and 21 trucks.

At 1045, loading toward Eberswalde of 8 x 122-mm field howitzers, 24 trucks and, on 9 boxcars soldiers.³

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At 1200, a shipment of 6 JS-3 tanks and 18 trucks passed through the station. It came from the direction of Vogelsang and proceeded toward Eberswalde.⁴

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6 March. At 1015, a shipment of 21 tanks and 2 boxcarloads of soldiers passed through the station. It came from the direction of Eberswalde and proceeded toward Oranienburg.⁵

3. At 1100 on 6 March, a train carrying new tanks, the guns of which were crated, passed through the Vogelsang railroad station. The shipment came from the direction of Templin and proceeded toward Zehdenick.⁵

4. At about 0800 on 4 March, approximately 30 trucks with personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets and billeting equipment approached the Oranienburg railroad station from the north for entraining. It was learned that additional motor vehicles went to the Oranienburg railroad station and had been entrained there during the preceding night.⁶

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1. Comment. For information on loadings of units of the 7th Gds Mecz Div in Frankfurt/Oder between 1 and 8 March, probably for Lieberose, 25X1
 The units mentioned in the present report probably were elements of the 57th Gds Tank Regt which, according to direction of departure probably also transferred to Lieberose. 25X1
2. Comment. According to tank turret tank details of the 25th Tank Div returned to their Prenzlau post, probably from firing practices at Templin. 25X1
3. Comment. The shipment involved artillery units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div, presumably of the 240th Gds Mort Regt. the unloading of which in Eberswalde was observed 25X1
4. Comment. The tank detail which, according to motor vehicle and tank turret belonged to the 6th Gds Mecz Div, was detained in Bernau 5 hours later. 25X1
5. Comment. This is probably shipment which went from the USSR to Altruppin with 21 tanks of the new type (T54s?) on 6 March. 25X1
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6. Comment. units of the 25th Tank Div probably transferred from Oranienburg to Jueterbog 25X1
 on 5 March. 25X1

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